

Whereas, as the 2006-2007 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Nixa R-II School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty in May 2007 with the retirement of Sharon Richards who has devoted twenty-five years of her life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Sharon Richards has taught for twenty-two years at Nixa R-II, where she is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Sharon Richards taught in the Chadwick R-I School District prior to assuming her responsibilities at Nixa R-II, where she has also worked as a Parents As Teachers educator; and

Whereas, Sharon Richards has watched her pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge she has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, Sharon Richards, a member of Kappa Delta Pi and Phi Kappa Phi, earned a Bachelor's degree and a Master's degree at Southwest Missouri State University (now known as Missouri State University) and graduated Magna Cum Laude; and

Whereas, Sharon Richards has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include her husband, Gary Richards; two children and their spouses, Tia and Stacy Tennis and Ty and Malisha Richards; and five grandchildren, Austin Tennis, Lexie Tennis, Jake Tennis, Rylee Richards, and Tyla Richards:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Nixa R-II School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Sharon Richards has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing her the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that she so justly deserves with ample opportunity to ride her horse, Dinky; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Sharon Richards, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Jay Wasson
District No. 141

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1507, adopted March 28, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker